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SUBJ: CIVAIR: CONCORDE

1. AN AFP PRESS RELEASE FILED UNDER ALBANY
DATELINE MARCH 28 REPORTS THAT DURING A PRESS
CONFERENCE ON MONDAY, GOVERNOR CAREY MENTIONED
HAVING STUDIED THE POSSIBILITY OF AUTHORIZING
LANDINGS OF CONCORDE AT "STEWART AIR BASE" NEAR
NEWBURGH, NY.

2. THE REPORT QUOTES GOVERNOR CAREY AS SAYING
THAT IF SUCH A SOLUTION WERE TO BE ADOPTED,
CONCORDE PASSENGERS COULD BE FERRIED TO NEW YORK
VIA HELICOPTER TO THE PAN AM DOWNTOWN HELIPORT.
MR. CAREY DECLARED THAT HE HAD CONSIDERED THIS
SOLUTION FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AND HAD CONFERRED
BRIEFLY ABOUT IT WITH NEW YORK CITY AUTHORITIES.
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ALSO, ACCORDING TO GOVERNOR CAREY, THE NEWBURG
AIRPORT, THE FORMER STEWART MILITARY AIR BASE,
ALREADY HAS THE FACILITIES NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE
THE MOST MODERN COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. THE
TERMINAL BUILDING CAN PROCESS 400 PASSENGERS/HOUR.
BOEING 747 CHARTER AND CARGO FLIGHTS PRESENTLY
USE THE AIRPORT DAY AND NIGHT. MORE THAN \$30

MILLION HAS ALREADY BEEN SPENT BY THE STATE
OF NEW YORK IN CONVERSION SINCE THE ARMY AGREED,
IN 1970, TO RETURN SOME FACILITIES.
THE TWO MAIN RUNWAYS ARE 2,500 AND 2,000 METERS
LONG.

3. ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT HAS ABOUT
THIS REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE
APPRECIATED. IT CAN HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT
AND WE WANT TO BE FULLY PREPARED TO RESPOND TO
QUERIES WE ARE SURE TO RECEIVE FROM THE
FRENCH.
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